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CUSTOM COMBINE OPERATOR'S GUIDE FOR MONTANA

1944 Harvest Season

(Prepared by the Agricultural Adjustment Agency and Extension Service)

I. How to Determine Where Combines are Needed in Montana

A. When plans are made to move into Montana, it is advisable to contact the County Agent's Office in the county to which you are going, or the State Extension Labor office at the State College in Bozeman, and to give the approximate date of arrival if immediate assistance is desired in placing your combine.

B. When entering Montana

1. The labor division of the Extension Service will have information at ports of entry, County Agent's and AAA Offices which will direct you to the counties where combines are needed. Upon entering the area of need, inquire at the County Agent's Office for location of farms needing combine assistance.

C. After completing a run of jobs

1. Contact the County Agent's office. If necessary, that office will call the Labor Office, Extension Service, Bozeman, Montana, to learn of areas needing combine assistance.

II. How to Procure Non-Highway and Highway Fuel

Contact the nearest County AAA Office. File application for non-highway fuel or file appeal for supplemental highway fuel. Secure ample rations before leaving your home county if possible.

OPA instructions to local boards are outlined in "Annotations," Gasoline, paragraph 433 of Local Board Looseleaf Service.

III. How to Obtain Tires - Tractor, Truck, Implement and Passenger Car

Before starting the trip, apply to the Local War Price and Rationing Board for necessary tires. If a replacement tire is needed while en-route, go to the nearest Local War Price and Rationing Board. Certification as to replacement tire needs may be procured from the County AAA Office in that area. According to Section 302 (b) of the OPA tire regulations, Local Boards should act on applications for tires when a real and immediate need exists, even if the vehicles are not normally stationed in the Local Board's area.

OPA instructions to Local Boards are outlined in "Annotations," Tires, paragraph 281.03 of Local Board Looseleaf Service.

IV. How to Procure Repair Parts While En Route

If repair parts for tractors, combine, trucks or other vehicles in the custom operator's unit cannot be procured from local dealer or distributor

organization, this fact should be reported to the nearest County AAA Office. The County AAA Office may be of assistance in locating repair parts for trucks and will offer all possible assistance in locating repair parts for other vehicles and implements.

V. Noxious Weeds

To prevent the spreading of noxious weeds, you should clean off your equipment before moving from one farm to another and before moving from one state to another state.

VI. Compensation Insurance

Montana State Workmen's Compensation Insurance may be carried by custom combine outfits in two ways:

1. The combine owner or foreman may carry the insurance for all members of the crew at a rate of approximately 3 3/4%. He as employer would not be covered.
2. If the farm operator is already carrying workmen's compensation for his regular crew the combine crew could be included if they are being employed for wages by the farm operator. This would not apply in cases where the work is being done by contract.

Application for insurance should be addressed to the State Commissioner of Agriculture, State Capitol, Helena, Montana.

VII. Custom Combine Program in Other States

In Montana the Extension Service will handle the labor and the recruitment and placement of combines. In other states, the State and County AAA Offices may handle the placement and recruitment of combines. Ask at any County AAA or County Agent's Office and they will be glad to direct you to the office handling the placement of custom combines. County AAA Offices in all states will assist in handling tire, gasoline, and repair problems.

VIII. Prices

In 1943 no complaints were received about prices charged for the custom combine work. It is hoped that this same situation will prevail in 1944.

Summary of Highway Regulations for some of the States in the
Great Plains Area

These regulations are intended only as a guide to individual state highway requirements. If you have any specific questions, correspondence should be directed to the appropriate state official. State Highway Patrolmen can and will be of considerable assistance to all out-of-state outfits.

MONTANA

State official's address - State Highway Department and State Highway Patrol, Helena, Montana. No special permit required for movement of equipment. No license plate required on trucks operating less than 60 days, provided licensed in home state.

1. Combines entering the State of Montana or State combines traveling Montana highways are classed as implements of husbandry and as such are not required to secure any special permits and are eligible to proceed along regular traveled routes and highways.
2. Licenses are not required on custom combines or other implements of husbandry and no licenses are required on trucks which come into the State for a period of 60 days or less for the purpose of assisting in the harvest, provided of course that they are properly licensed in their State of origin. If the trucks are not properly licensed in the state of origin, the Montana license fees are as follows: after July 1, one-half of the regular yearly license fee shown below plus a \$1.00 registration fee.

Yearly License Fees

- (a) Tractors and/or trucks of one (1) ton capacity or under, five dollars (\$5.00).
 - (b) Tractors and/or trucks over (1) ton and up to and including one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) tons capacity, ten dollars (\$10.00).
 - (c) Tractors and/or trucks over one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) tons and up to and including two (2) tons capacity, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$22.50).
3. Motor vehicles used in carrying property consisting of ordinary livestock or agricultural commodities (not including manufactured products thereof) and if such motor vehicles are not used in carrying any other property or passengers, for compensation, the vehicles are exempt from M. R. C. Licenses.

Note: If vehicles are used for carrying manufactured products of livestock or agricultural commodities, or in carrying any other property or passengers for compensation, vehicles are not exempt and must operate under the Motor Carriers Act.

4. Governor Sam C. Ford issued a proclamation in regard to the flow of interstate commerce effective for the present emergency, which liberalized measurably the regulations governing the movement of interstate motor vehicle commerce. The proclamation enters into reciprocal agreements with other states whereby out-of-state trucks will not be required to obtain licenses providing the State from which the trucks originated has entered into such reciprocal agreement with Montana. There has been a question raised as to the legality of the Governor's proclamation; however, no test case has been made, and they are operating under the provisions of the proclamation. It does, however, have value because it shows the attitude of officials in regard to the need for liberal interpretation and enforcement of existing laws for the duration of the present emergency.

The Montana Highway Patrol has likewise expressed a desire to aid and speed the custom combine program and the intra-state and county movement of these machines by viewing with leniency such cases as might arise.

NEBRASKA

State official's address - State Highway Department, Lincoln, Nebraska. No permit required for movement of equipment. No additional truck license required unless grain is hauled to market.

NORTH DAKOTA

State official's address - State Highway Department, Bismarck, North Dakota. No permit required for movement of equipment. No license plates required provided registered in home state.

SOUTH DAKOTA

State official's address - State Highway Department, Pierre, South Dakota. No permit required for movement of equipment. No special license required if operator is licensed in home state.

WYOMING

State official's address - State Highway Department, Laramie, Wyoming. Permit required for movement of equipment. Contact Highway Patrol on license requirements.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

All custom operators should obtain additional information at ports of entry, from Highway Patrols or by correspondence with the state officials in those states in which they intend to operate. Many states have maximum width and length regulations and maximum weight regulations. Some states prohibit the movement of equipment at night. Others require certain lights, flagging, etc. In all cases handle your equipment in a manner that will insure safety and will comply with state laws.

County Agents (Extension Service)

R. E. Bodley - State Supervisor, State College, Bozeman -
Phone 147

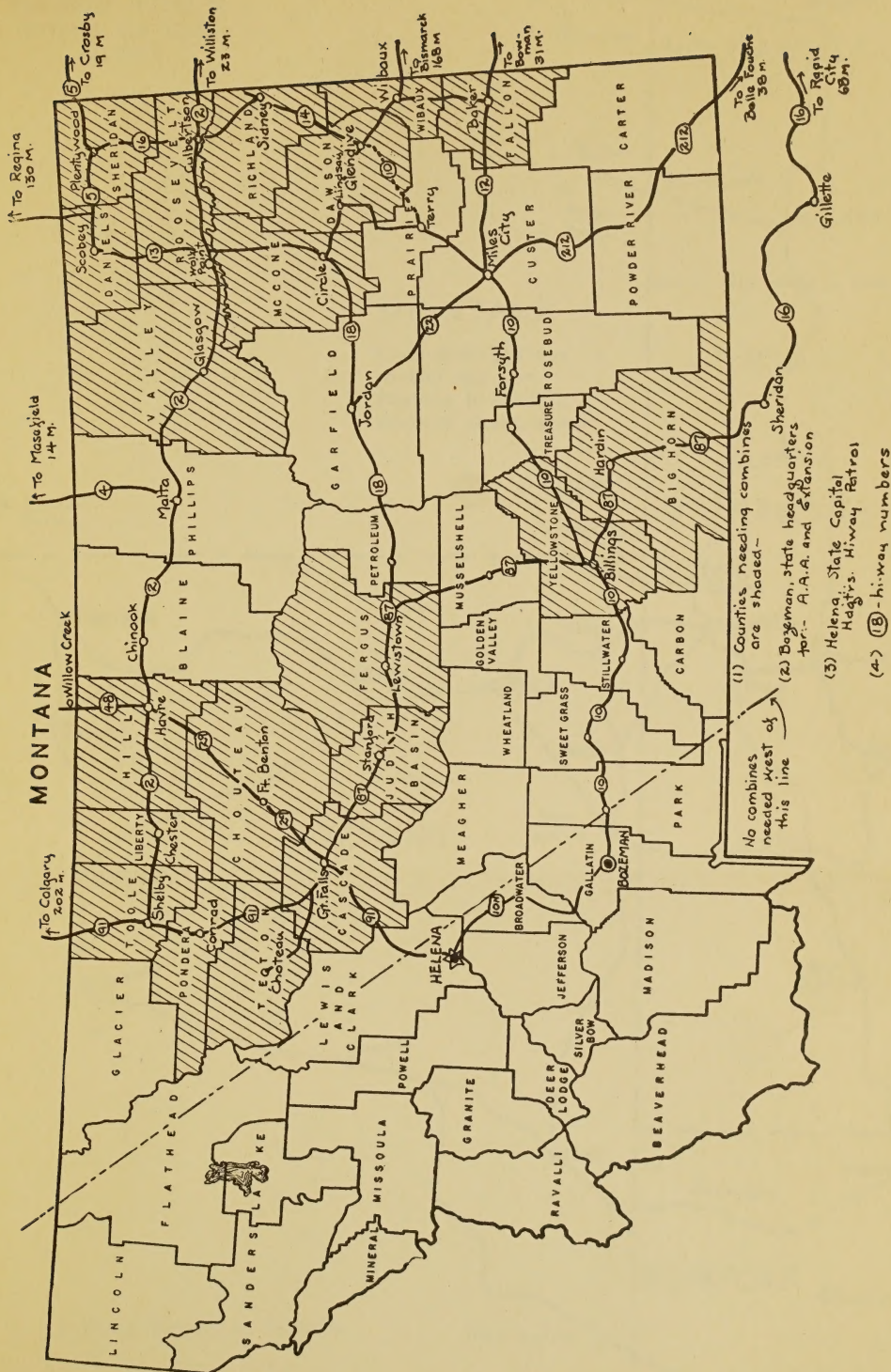
COUNTY	TOWN	ADDRESS OF OFFICE	OFFICE PHONE	AGENTS NAME
Big Horn	Hardin*	Courthouse	90	Geo. W. Gustafson
Blaine	Chinook	County Agn. Bldg.	83-J	Don Luebke
Cascade	Great Falls	Post Office Bldg.	4778	Theo. Fosse
Chouteau	Fort Benton	Courthouse	2	Jack McLean
Custer-Powder River	Miles City*	Post Office Bldg.	361	N. A. Jacobson
Daniels	Scobey	Courthouse	153	R. R. Hughes
Dawson	Glendive*	County Agn. Bldg.	57-W	O. A. Lammers
Fallon-Carter	Baker*	Courthouse	101	Geo. Severson
Fergus-Judith Basin	Lewistown	Post Office Bldg.	966	G. O. Behimer
Hill	Havre	Courthouse	75	Ben Daggett
McCone	Circle	Courthouse	.	Chas. Yackley, Labor ass't.
Phillips	Malta	Courthouse	171J	W. M. Rasmussen
Pondera	Conrad	Courthouse	105	A. C. Peterson
Richland	Sidney	Courthouse	38	Norbert Majerus
Roosevelt	Culbertson	County Agri. Bldg.	29	Ray Kelly
Sheridan	Plentywood*	Courthouse	36	Bille Janssen
Stillwater	Columbus*	Courthouse	60	Jack Payne
Teton	Choteau	Courthouse	91	Glenn Baird
Toole	Shelby	Courthouse	67	Pat McElliot
Valley	Glasgow	County Agri. Bldg.	69	Jim McGibney
Wibaux	Wibaux*	Merc. Bldg.	2111	B. L. Dooley
Yellowstone	Billings	Roosevelt School Bldg.	2267	Wm. H. Jones

* Points of Entry where information may be obtained about any area needing custom combines.

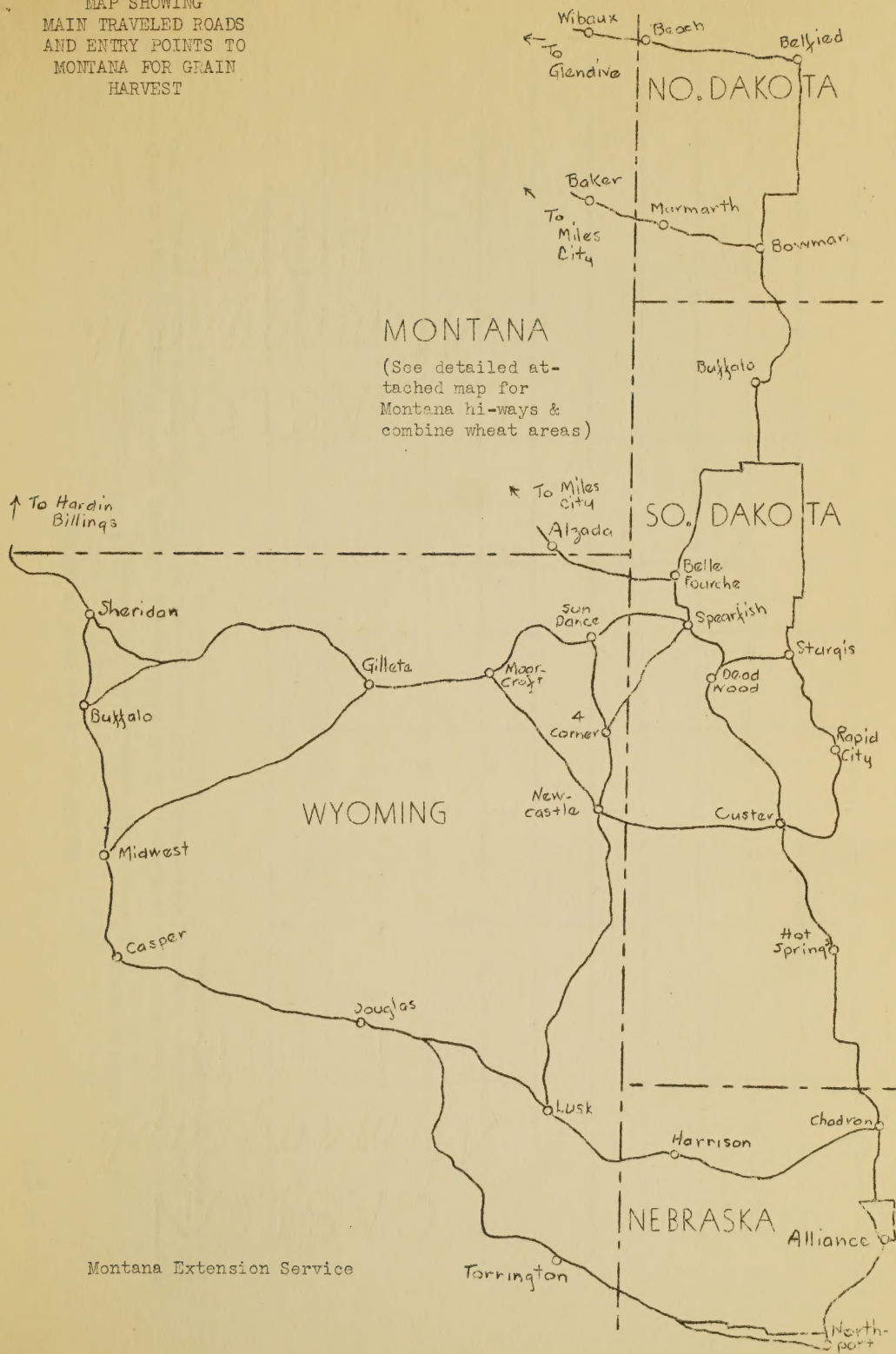
AAA Offices State Headquarters
R. J. McKenna - State Chairman, Armory Building,
Bozeman, Montana - Phone 711

COUNTY	TOWN	ADDRESS OF OFFICE	PHONE NO.	SECRETARY	CHAIRMAN
Big Horn	Hardin	Courthouse	65	Violet Lande	George Miller
Blaine	Chinook	County Ag. Bldg.	32	N. Adolph Scherlie	Sever Nees
Cascade	Great Falls	Courthouse	2-1162	Florence Parker	Lorin LeFevre
Chouteau	Ft. Benton	Merc. Co. Bldg.	138	Georgia Collins	Ray Fishbaugh
Custer-Powder River	Miles City	Main Street Courthouse	277	Loretta Hudson	H. L. Whitaker
Daniels	Seehey		111	Lucile Jones	T. J. Grothe
Dawson	Glendive	Main Street Courthouse	88-J	Anna Z. Colin	L. W. Spencer
Fallon	Baker	Courthouse	101	Robert Yokley, Jr.	Clinton C. Baker
Fergus	Lewistown	Bank Bldg.	128	Alma Chancellor	Max Linse
Hill	Havre	Courthouse	775	Ruth Watson	Norman A. Welte
Phillips	Malta	Courthouse	169	Vern R. Mangie	Purl Seibert
Pondera	Conrad	Courthouse	184	James R. Hill	L. C. Leavitt
Richland	Sidney	Courthouse	350	Luella May Peterson	Chris Josephson
Roosevelt	Gulbertson	Agricultural Bldg.	51	Mabel DeVaney	Ralph Crisman
Sheridan	Plentywood	Courthouse	128-W	Sylvia J. Phelps	Nels M. Olson
Stillwater	Columbus	Main Street Bank Bldg.	38	PEGGY K. White	L. H. Hebein
Teton	Choteau	Courthouse	45-J	L. F. Robinson	Roy F. Morgan
Toole	Shelby		117	Esther McLean	L. F. Floerchinger
Valley	Glasgow	Agricultural Bldg.	54	Florence Olson	Thos. A. Wagner
Wheatland	Hartington	Courthouse		K. P. Jones	A. W. Gunther
Wibaux	Wibaux	Mercantile Bldg.	2111	Ed. Turnquist	Wayne Smith
Yellowstone	Billings	Roosevelt School Bldg.	7727	Cleone A. Soss	H. O. Beeman
McCone	Circle	Courthouse	5	W. H. Bipal	John Freidland
Judith Basin	Stanford	Bank Building	38	J. J. Egeberger	A. L. McNitts
Powder River	Broadus	Inquire at Courthouse	(mess-enger)	D. D. McBride	Fred S. Janssen
Carter	Ekalaka	Courthouse	(mess-enger)	Marj B. Nies	Gus Malquist

MONTANA



MAP SHOWING
MAIN TRAVELED ROADS
AND ENTRY POINTS TO
MONTANA FOR GRAIN
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RECORD OF COMBINE WORK IN MONTANA

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When you have completed your work in Montana, please fill out the attached report form with information which you may tabulate below. When completing work in any county, call at the County Agent's office or AAA Office, if you wish additional acreage.

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